



2009

GAME DAY NOTES

Rochester's Team™

STAMPEDE SHEET

Minnesota Thunder at Rochester Rhinos • Saturday, June 6 • 7:35 p.m. • Marina Auto Stadium

Tonight's Match: The Rochester Rhinos welcome the Minnesota Thunder to Marina Auto Stadium for the first of three meetings between the two sides this season. With the Puerto Rico win over Cleveland on Thursday night the Rhinos dropped to fifth place in the USL-1 table. Minnesota meanwhile is in last place and looking for its first win of the season.

New Name: The Rhinos and Marina Automotive Group officially announced this week the new name of the Rhinos Home Field – Marina Auto Stadium. Marina was selected from over three hundred participants in a name the stadium promotion.

League Leaders: Despite not finding the net the past two matches, Rhinos striker Johnny Menyongar enters the week's matchups still atop the league in points (tied with PR's Cristian Arietta) with nine and goals with four. Goalkeeper Scott Vallow continues to lead the league with saves with 42.

Minnesota Notes: Minnesota has lost four of the last five matches.

- Ricardo Sanchez leads the club with two goals and six points this season.
- Melvin Tarley has scored 30 goals in his last four seasons with the Thunder (2003-05, 2008)

Rochester Notes: Rochester will remain at home for 15 of their next 18 regular season matches. Last season Rochester was 7-3-5 at home.

- Rochester is 10-3-2 all-time against the Thunder in regular season play. The Rhinos have lost just once at home to the club – that being opening day 1999 in a rematch of the 1998 league title match.
- Only once in their history have the Rhinos lost their first two home games of the season. In 1996 they lost their first three at Fauver Stadium (all three in a shootout) before earning their first win at home. They would only drop two more matches at home that season.
- In 2006 the Rhinos opened the season with a tie in their first three home starts.
- Rochester and Minnesota have met three times to determine the league's best. The two clashed in the USL-1 Championship match in 1998, 1999 and 2000. The Rhinos earned a pair of 3-1 wins in '98 and '00 as the home team won each match.
- Striker Tai Atieno's four game suspension as a result of a red card he received in Charleston on May 23 has been reduced to one game which Atieno has already served when he sat vs. Montreal on May 30. He is available for selection in tonight's match.
- Reigning club MVP Johnny Menyongar was a member of the Minnesota Thunder from 2000-2005, scoring 51 goals during that stretch.

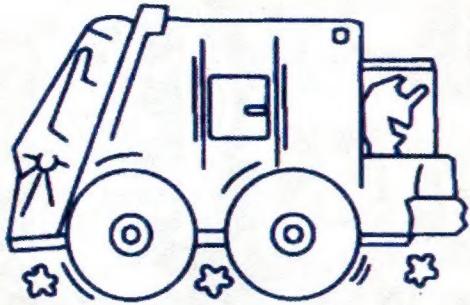
Next up: Rochester will host the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in the U.S. Open Cup Tournament on Tuesday, June 9. Kick-off is at 7:00 p.m. The two sides met last season in USOC play with the Rhinos taking a 3-0 win at home.

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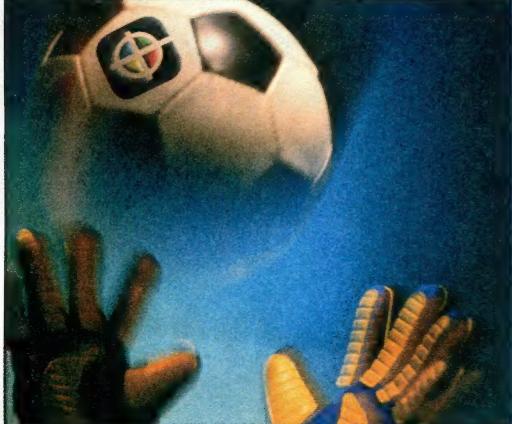
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STANDINGS

	Overall						Home						Away		
	Pts	GP	W	L	T	GF GA	W	L	T	GF GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
USL First Division															
Charleston Battery	22	10	6	0	4	11 2	3	0	2	6 1	3	0	2	5	1
Carolina RailHawks	22	10	7	2	1	12 5	4	1	0	6 3	3	1	1	6	2
Portland Timbers	18	9	5	1	3	10 4	4	0	1	7 1	1	1	2	3	3
Puerto Rico Islanders	15	10	4	3	3	13 13	3	1	2	9 7	1	2	1	4	6
Rochester Rhinos	13	9	4	4	1	10 9	0	1	0	0 1	4	3	1	10	8
Vancouver Whitecaps	11	8	3	3	2	8 9	2	1	1	3 2	1	2	1	5	7
Austin Aztex	9	8	2	3	3	9 11	2	2	3	9 7	0	1	0	0	4
Montreal Impact	8	8	2	4	2	9 8	1	1	1	5 2	1	3	1	4	6
Miami FC Blues	7	7	2	4	1	6 8	2	3	0	6 7	0	1	1	0	1
Cleveland City Stars	4	9	1	7	1	3 17	0	2	1	0 6	1	5	0	3	11
Minnesota Thunder	3	8	0	5	3	6 11	0	3	1	3 6	0	2	2	3	5



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Date

Sat, May 30
Sat, June 6
Sun, July 5
Fri, July 10
Wed, July 15
Sat, July 18
Sat, July 25
Fri, July 31
Wed, Aug 5
Sat, Aug 8
Sat, Aug 15
Wed, Aug 19
Sat, Aug 22
Sun, Sep 13
Fri, Sep 18

Opponent

Montreal Impact
Minnesota Thunder
Austin Aztex
Puerto Rico Islanders
Montreal Impact
Charleston Battery
Cleveland City Stars
Vancouver Whitecaps
Carolina RailHawks
Austin Aztex
Portland Timbers
Minnesota Thunder
Carolina RailHawks
Miami FC
Charleston Battery

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GAME NIGHT ROSTERS

ROCHESTER

NO.	Name	Pos
1	Tim Melia	GK
2	Kwame Sarkodie	M
4	Kenney Bertz	D
5	Brent Sancho	D
6	Tiger Fitzpatrick	M
7	Andrew Lorei	M
8	Mauricio Salles	F
9	Chris Sanders	F
10	Johnny Menyongar	F
11	Ryan Heins	M/D
12	Andrew Gregor	M
13	John Ball	D
15	Ze Roberto	M
16	Danny Earls	D
17	Christopher Nurse	M
21	Mike Ambersley	M/F
22	Darren Kenton	D
24	Scott Vallow	GK
27	Nano Short	D
29	Tai Atieno	F

MINNESOTA

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Matt VanOekel	GK
2	Melvin Tarley	M/F
3	Andres Arrango	D
4	Andrew Peterson	D
5	Quavas Kirk	M/F
6	Kevin Friedland	D/M
7	Dale Weiler	M/F
8	Youssouf Kante	M
9	Nathan Knox	F
10	Ricardo Sanchez	M
11	Rich Costanzo	D/M
12	Nicolas Platter	GK
13	Lawrence Olumi	M
14	Chris Clements	D
15	Rod Dyachenko	M
16	Marcus Watson	D
17	Leonel Saint-Preux	F
18	Dan O'Brien	F
19	Brian Kallman	D
20	Brian Cvlikas	M/F
21	Geoffrey Myers	F
22	Jeremiah Bass	M
28	Jonathan Greenfield	D

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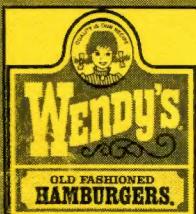
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Next Rhinos' Game



- ➊ First round Open Cup game is Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm! Season ticket holders use ticket labeled "Wild Card A" Kids under 10yrs. Are free. And \$2 Utica Club beer!
- ➋ The Rhinos "house band", Nightowl will also be here for a special performance.

Tickets are available at the stadium Box Office, ticketmaster.com, or call 1800-745-3000 to charge by phone. Call the Rhinos office at 454-5425 for more information! www.rhinossoccer.com